

FROM WEST INDEPENDENCE, OHIO.

In as much as you have not heard from us for some time I concluded that we had better report. Though we have been silent with our pen we have not been silent with our voice. Do not think that we are at ease in Zion; we have been moving along quietly but surely. True we have not had powerful demonstrations but we have been gathering a few sheaves for the Master. And while our growth numerically is slow, yet we feel that we have made grand spiritual advancements.

We know that our church is in a better working condition than when we first formed their acquaintance. In the recent past we had our church chartered, so we are now a chartered organization; and we regard this a question of importance, and hope that all our churches will go and do likewise. After we got our charter we then proceeded to effect a new organization, that is we elected three deacons and three trustees, a secretary and treasurer; then proceeded to adopt a constitution, or rules of church government, which we think is not in violation of the word nor the spirit of the word of God. And we are glad to say that our church is progressing nicely with but few exceptions. Indeed I know of no church where they are ALL in universal harmony. Yet we must say that the exceptions are few here. We held our protracted meeting here in December; the interest and attendance was very good, as to the results there was one added to the church by conversion, and a general good feeling restored in the community, especially so between the two churches here, that of the United Brethren and our own. We met and worshiped together as becomes the children of God, and as a result prejudice is destroyed, and confidence and true Christianity is restored. Our motto is to live out the Gospel. In that we will gain the victory through love to God and to our fellow-man.

After almost three weeks of hard labor here, we closed with the best of feeling throughout the entire community. We closed our meeting here on Sunday night, in order to begin our work at Gretna, Logan Co., where we begun February 4. There we were met with bad weather and equally as bad roads, and considerable sickness in the community. However we continued our work there for two weeks with no immediate results, except the church was (we trust) strengthened spiritually. The attendance was not as we would like the first week, after which it was better. Yet all things considered we will not complain. The interest, however, was very good; there were some who were

brought very near the kingdom, who were almost persuaded but they deferred the matter until a more convenient season. To me it was a sad thought to close the services and men so near the kingdom yet not saved. We feel to express our thanks to those who loaned us their assistance in the work, who were not members of our church. It showed a Christian spirit on their part. The brethren and sisters here too, are loyal to their work; though weak in number, yet we believe there can be a grand organization built up here, if the brethren will only work and pray for it. Here is a Society of people that, in many respects, to my mind, has few equals; they are kindly disposed toward us.

After laboring with this people for two weeks, we closed, leaving announcement for services in two weeks. And on returning to fill that appointment we were met with a good audience. At evening services we extended an invitation, and one came out on the Lord's side, while others showed evidence of conviction. Brethren pray for the success at Gretna, there is opposition to contend with. But if God be for us, who can be against us. Yours for the success of the cause.

M. S. WHITE.

FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Received five from German Baptists, baptized five, and two more applicants for baptism. Total, twelve since last report. Four of G. B.'s and two baptisms from Allentown, and one G. B. from Harleysville, the rest from Philadelphia. We have now twelve at Allentown, a few months ago but one. We closed a few week day meetings there with a blessed communion. Thirteen communed. All there will be stable members. We now have a New Jersey mission, Maryland mission, and Allentown mission, also opening a mission here in city. We need more laborers. Pray for us.

I. D. BOWMAN.

FROM KUNKLE, O.

Last Sunday, Sister Grossnickle closed a successful revival meeting here. Six professed Christ and five joined the Brethren church by baptism. Her lively sermons, clothed in love and beauty and her amiable disposition, gained her a large number of admirers. At the close of the meeting she organized a Sisters Society of Christian Endeavor. For the next three months she will be engaged in organizing this endeavor in the remaining churches.

May He whose nature she imitates abundantly bless her in her days to come.

ADAM EBERLY.

PA. MISSION BOARD NOTES.

I have lately learned that the people of Pennsylvania are looking for reports of work by our evangelists, and since we have asked each one of them to give us a monthly report to Mission Board, they think it is our duty to publish the same. I will therefore give a summarized report for the first five months of conference year, being really four and one-half month's work to March 1, 1896.

Eastern evangelist, sister M. M. Sterling reports as follows:

No. of sermons,	142
" of additions to church,	7
Amount of collections,	\$30 82
" " expenses,	22 83

Western evangelist, J. B. Wampler reports as follows:

No. of sermons and lectures,	104
" " visits,	82
" " additions,	6
Amount of collections,	\$29 00
" " traveling expenses	23 12

You see, brethren, they have not been idle. But the brethren have been idle as to mission collections, as but very few have responded since my first quarterly report, and treasury is entirely empty, and we owe the evangelist a considerable amount. So much that it will require hustling from now on to keep up with expenses. The only congregations that have given me any money in this quarter are Mt. Union and Altoona. I was reminded of a mission in my last report of \$1.00 for S. Buzzard, and \$1.00 for Wampler family, and \$5.00 for J. B. Wampler on self denial fund. I gladly make note of it now and will include in next report. Don't let half a year pass before at least half the quota is paid. We do indeed want to keep out of debt as much as possible. Yours for salvation of souls.

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Sec.

Johnstown, Pa., March 14, '96.

FROM THE FAIRVIEW CHURCH.

Our meeting here resulted in four confessions, three were baptized, one awaits baptism. As a matter of fact the meeting closed just when it should have gone on. The field is large and plenty of work needed. Eleven years ago I held a meeting here, and it was a pleasure to renew acquaintance with the Hegler's, McCoy's, Vincent's, and others. Some baptized then are now good church workers. Other thoughts will be expressed later.

J. D. MCFADEN.

God gives us credit, not only for the good we do, but for what we would do if we had the power. The same is true, also, of the harm we do.